



# Juvenile Justice Collaborative

*Establishing a more effective and efficient juvenile justice system*

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**January 6th, 2017  
10:00am – 12 Noon  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Leonard L. Williams Justice Center  
500 N. King Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801**

**Began at 10:03 AM**

**Attendees:** Nancy Dietz (**Co-Chair**), Robert Newell (**Co-Chair**), Andrew Cohen, Michelle Brogden, Lauren Deveber, Jimmie Memminger, David Jones, Tanya Banks, Ian Smith, Pete Sawyer, Melissa Kahn, Amy Halfen, Ellie Torres, Kit Lunger, Lisa Minutola, Abby Layton, Tom Carey, Rebecca Richmond, Linda Carmichael, Jack McDonough

- Front-End Subcommittee Report  
Kit Lunger reported the Front-End Subcommittee met during the quarter. The issues that arose during the discussions included addressing low level services and detention populations. The committee discussed:
  - High rate of misdemeanor cases going to detention
  - Youth in detention that shouldn't be there: misdemeanor, mental health court, superior court youth.
    - Group will address the 10-07 report that was used previously.
    - Need to include/look into where each youth was placed after detention
    - Create separate work group for one month to look at more statistics
  - Provided an update to the Residential Alternative center, Connections is no longer providing for RADS, Vision Quest will provide services.
- Deep-End Subcommittee Report  
Tom Carey provided an update on the Deep End Subcommittee meeting. The Deep End Subcommittee met during the quarter, along with a group met to address gang involved and violent youth.
  - The GPS monitoring unit has increased hours for reporting and phone responses to include evenings.

- Juvenile Probation has been collaborating with local law enforcement to update gang-affiliated list
- Increased PO checks and supervision
- The group met to discuss programing and ideas due to the increase of gang involved youth.
  - Recommended looking at mentoring programs
  - Researching youth to identify prevention strategies
  - Enhancing supervision.
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- Detention Population

Jimmie Memminger reported an update on the detention population:

  - NCCDC – 68 youth (24 active in superior court)
  - Half of Stevenson House is in superior court
  - Extremely high!
  - Youth and length of stay for the youth has gone up in the Stevenson House
  - Andy's Numbers! (I did not get a copy!)
  - He has the charts listed through the youth's lead charge
- Juvenile Civil Citation

Donna Pugh provided an update on the Statistics for Civil Citation

  - 190 cases referred for 2016, 92% eligible
    - 119 cases closed
    - 86% successful rate and 14% unsuccessful/ineligible for 2016
  - Issues
    - 20 unsuccessful youth were not charged; cases are currently being revisited
  - Visiting the idea of expanding training to Go Webinars and DLC
- Quality Improvement Unit

Michelle Brogden provided an update on the QIU. The QIU is working with ADC to implement a Modified PACT (MPACT) for DYRS. The MPACT is a new tool that will address the issues with the current tool.

  - Tool will be specific to Delaware youth and criminal justice system. processes, and staff?
  - Will be tailored to the type of offense a youth will recidivate with.
  - Gender Specific
  - Have an integrated system for interrater reliability.
- Second Chance Grant

Amy Herb presented on the recent Second Chance Act Planning Grant

  - The DYRS Quality Improvement Unit was recently awarded a 2-year Federal Grant, "OJJDP FY 16 Second Chance Act: Implementing Statewide Plans To Improve Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System"

- Grant will enable implementation a statewide plan to better align juvenile justice policy, practice, and resource allocation with what research shows works to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth in contact with the juvenile justice system.
- DYRS and will receive technical assistance from the Council of State Governments Justice Center to
  - (1) address the gaps affecting the reliability, validity and quality of the (PACT)
  - (2) form a subcommittee of the JJC to implement statewide system improvements in youth recidivism reduction and quality improvement of evidence based services,
  - (3) improve data development
  - (4) reduce the number of violent offenders entering the criminal justice system
- Juvenile Justice Grant SMART  
 Lisa Minutola reported an update on the SMART JJ grant ODS received. This grant will supplement the current grant and assist with implementation of the proposal. The grant will enable ODS to hire some fellow and additional attorneys to
  - Improve indigent defense
  - Supplement to defense grant
  - Provide additional training
  - Address policies and legislation to enhance the JJ system.
- Programming in Ferris  
 Tanya Banks provided and update on the programing in Ferris School
  - Implementing the SPEP process to measure services.
  - YAP is providing 10 hours/week with an advocate for higher level youth
  - Implementing lacrosse sports program
- De-shackling  
 A brief discussion was held in regards to the new law regarding de-shackling in the court room for Juveniles.
  - Additional security in available in court room
  - Group agreed to keep track of the progress.
  - Goes into effect, Monday January 9th

**Meeting Adjourned 11:38 AM**

Next Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017